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ABSTRACT

This book explores grandparenting at a time when roles and challenges facing grandparents are changing. Chapter one addresses "Grandparents in a Changing World" and describes grandparenting styles. Chapter two focuses on the "Unfinished Business between Adult Children and their Parents" and how a grandchild complicates this relationship. Chapter three addresses the raising of children and what role grandparents have in the process. Chapter four provides a primer on the "Ages and Stages of Child Development." Chapter five addresses issues relating to teenage grandchildren. Chapter six focuses on grandparents confronted with unsettling situations involving their grandchildren. Chapter seven addresses grandparent rights and problems that can interfere with their relationship with their children and grandchildren. Chapter eight addresses divorce and grandparent rights. Chapter nine discusses tragedies involving grandchildren and how to respond. Chapter 10 focuses on visits from grandchildren. Chapter 11 addresses grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Chapter 12 addresses "Three Generations Living Together." Chapter 13 focuses on changes in grandparents' marital status and how to explain these changes. Chapter 14 addresses the issue of aging and its impact on the grandparent and grandchild relationship. Chapter 15 comments on the role of therapy in today's society. Chapter 16 describes the grandparent's role in providing unconditional love to the grandchild. Final sections list grandparenting resources (support groups, publications, a videotape and newsletter), and four children's books that grandparents may want to buy for their grandchildren. (Contains 22 references.) (SD)

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